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President's Message

Greetings fellow collectors and NCNA members!

I hope this edition of the NCNA Journal finds you safe and well.

Much has happened in our world since the last issue of the NCNA Journal. The COVID-19 situation has changed many things, including the unprecedented cancellation of shows in March and April, with additional cancellations probable in May and June. The return to "business as usual" may take longer than many first thought, as local authorities and event organizers will be faced with tough decisions regarding the scheduling of shows and the safety and well-being of show attendees. My prayers are that you all remain safe and well through these times of uncertainty. Better times are ahead for attending shows. In the meantime, stay in touch with members of your local clubs, local dealers, and other friends in the hobby. Take advantage of online opportunities such as dealer websites, auctions, and platforms such as Ebay.

Reflecting back on our 2019 NCNA Convention and Show held at the Cabarrus Arena at Concord in October, I'm excited to announce that it was a big success. We received a lot of great feedback from dealers and collectors alike. 1st Vice President and Bourse Chair Perry Siegel provided us with a full slate of coin, stamp, and other collectables dealers from 9 states, offering a very diverse selection of material for collectors. Public attendance at the 2019 NCNA Convention and Show was significantly up from 2018. Dealers reported good sales, as collector activity was relatively strong on Friday and Saturday. Dealers were treated to a fantastic BBQ dinner on Thursday night, with the "brisket" being a topic of conversation all weekend!

Bob Pedolsky spearheaded a great line-up of Young Numismatist and Collector activities, including a Boy Scout merit badge seminar on Saturday, with a scavenger hunt, games, and programs throughout the weekend. The YN activities attracted a good number of enthusiastic young folks and their parents. In Bob's words, "everyone had a lot of FUN!"

David Boinott facilitated the exhibit area, and Paul Landsberg lined up three exceptional educational programs and speakers on Saturday. Dave Provost and Danny Freeman facilitated the annual awards.

Congratulations again to all of the award winners who are listed in this issue of the NCNA Journal.

I also want to thank all who volunteered to help with public and dealer registration. Their efforts contributed once again to a smoothly run convention and show. Both show attendees and dealers were greeted by a very friendly and helpful group of volunteers, with special thanks to Sanford Steelman and members of the Charlotte Coin Club.

Looking forward to 2020, we have a great team of officers and folks serving on our board of directors (BOD). The officers and BOD positions were uncontested once again this year, but I am pleased to announce that we have a full slate of officers and BOD for 2020. One note, though, as Jeff Hicks has retired from the board. We want to thank him for his many years of service and wish him well in his efforts to work with clubs in the western part of North Carolina. However, we welcome Paul Landsberg as our newest board member, and are excited to have him aboard. Please take time to review the current NCNA officers and board of directors listed in this issue of the journal.

Please check out the website at **www.NCNA.club** and let website administrator Perry Siegel know if you have any local club updates, including, special activities, meetings, and officer/contact information. Please send all North Carolina and South Carolina show updates to NCNA Board member Bill Graves, as he has taken on the job of posting for those shows on the NCNA website.

If you've not done so already, please send in your **2020 NCNA membership renewal** to Halbert Carmichael as soon as you can. Please contact him if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

As always, feel free to reach out to me, other NCNA officers, or members of the NCNA Board of Directors. We are here to assist with local club efforts and are always looking for ways to make the hobby stronger and more meaningful for the membership as well as the collecting community as a whole.

As we were unable to send out membership renewals until now, please note that the renewal form is included as an insert in this issue of the Journal. **Please send in your 2020 Membership renewal** to Halbert Carmichael, secretary/treasurer, as soon as you can. Please contact him if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

Lastly I want to thank the NCNA officers and board of directors for their dedicated support, and to you, members of the NCNA and local clubs who serve and share in this hobby that we all enjoy.

Happy Collecting to each of you. I wish you all the best regards as we all weather this storm together. Be safe out there and hope to see you again soon!

Greg Cheek, NCNA President

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Notes from the Editor's Desk

As you know, it has been some time since the last publication of the NCNA Journal, and we apologize to our membership and advertisers for the delay in getting it out to you. Over the past few years, Dave Provost has worked hard to elevate the journal to a high level of excellence. Unfortunately, he was not able to continue as editor, and I have taken on this responsibility going forward. So, there is a lot of catching up to do, and my plan is to ensure that we publish four editions of the journal in 2020.

With this edition, we have a broad range and assortment of topics. My thanks go out to those who provided articles and columns.

Perry Siegel, our resident "Ancient Guy," has provided a great article entitled "Alexander the Great". Perry shares the story of this legendary Greek leader, providing excellent examples of coins depicting his image!

Danny Freeman is back with another story from his numismatic past. His current "Blast from the Past" examines the U.S. $100 note in light of current events and opinions in regard to the future use of the denomination.

David Boinott has revived one of my favorite columns in The NCNA Journal, the "Collector's Showcase". David provides a glimpse into his father's influence on him in the hobby, by sharing their numismatic connection in regard to the Stone Mountain Commemorative Half Dollar.

Bob Pedolsky, as our Young Numismatist Coordinator, has been instrumental in the NCNA efforts to sponsor Young Numismatists for the annual ANA Scholarship Program. Bob has highlighted this program in the "Young Collector's News" column in this edition of the journal.

"The Young Collector's Corner" feature articles from two of our young numismatists. Nate Callard shares an interesting reflection on how he got started as a collector. Danny Schiff provides us with an article regarding hidden messages on coins and currency.

As always, article submissions are welcomed and encouraged! Please keep them coming. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Journal…

Until next time – Greg Cheek

Secretary's Report

Halbert Carmichael has now taken over responsibilities as NCNA Secretary and will serve the rest of the term, as Dave Provost was unable to continue in that position. We thank Dave for his past contributions and wish him well.

For now, please direct all NCNA correspondence (i.e., inquiries, membership applications, and payments) to Halbert Carmichael at the following address: **Halbert Carmichael**
NCNA Treasurer
PO Box 5625
Raleigh, NC 27605

Young Collector's News

From Bob Pedolsky – NCNA YN Coordinator

NCNA Sponsorship of YN ANA Scholarship

We have great news for the Young Numismatists of North Carolina. At the last NCNA board meeting a resolution was passed to sponsor one YN to go to the American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar for the classes in 2021. For all YNs and YN coordinators of North Carolina clubs, this is an exciting development!

Over the next 8-10 months, this should be a fun time for anyone that would like to apply for the NCNA scholarship. It will give you a chance to expand your knowledge of coins and a chance to open up a world of service and mentoring that will prove valuable to you in the future. There will be some hard work! But, it is in your hobby and you'll have fun doing it.

The ANA Summer Seminar has many classes on a variety of topics, from grading coins to learning about ancients; additional classes include specific series, i.e. Indian cents, tokens, photography, etc. Also, there are auctions, book sales, the Money Museum, side trips in and around the area and a week in the summer in beautiful Colorado Springs.

We are now working on the details that will be required for each applicant. They will be printed in the next NCNA Journal and on the web site. So for all of you who are interested, start having fun now. Here are some suggestions that will assist you in applying:

- Check out the ANA's Summer Seminar Scholarship application. Many of the requirements will overlap.
- Present a talk at your local club.
- Write an article for the NCNA Journal or any other publication.
- Mentor some of the younger members of your club or at school.
- Assist at your club's show.
- Consider the areas of numismatics that you enjoy and what you are doing to increase your knowledge in that area.

These are just some suggestions to get you started and to make the completion of the application that much easier.

YN Recap of the 2019 Convention

The NCNA is coming off a great show in October held at the Cabarrus Convention Center.

A Treasure Hunt was held for all of the YNs that came to the show. The questions for the treasure hunt were relevant to coins of World War I. The questions, with answers and a word search will be posted on the NCNA website so that clubs may download them.

Approximately 65 YNs and 12 boy scouts participated. Each YN received a bag of numismatic goodies including: a Mercury dime with historical information attached, a copy of the NCNA Journal and other numismatic publications, 10-12 World coins, five to seven U. S. coins, a token or medal, bookmarks, and pencils from the U.S. Mint. There also was a table of free supplies from which the YNs could choose.

Scout Leader, Scott Fox, conducted the Boy Scout Merit Badge program. He reported that, through additional contacts made at the convention, he is expecting an even bigger turnout for the Merit Badge Seminar at the 2020 Convention.

I also gave a presentation to 12-15 YNs (and a few parents) on "Unusual and Obsolete Money". During the talk, they asked good questions and seemed to enjoy learning about new things.

I would like to thank all the dealers who donated coins, supplies, and money to the program. Without all their help, we would not be able to do what we do for the YNs. And to all the volunteers who helped, not only at the YN tables, but at the show in general, thanks for the great work!

Other YN News

On other topics, the Charlotte Coin Club held its annual show this past February. Over 60 YNs completed the treasure hunt and over 40 participated in the Lincoln wheat back cent search. Scott Foxx ran the merit badge program for the Boy Scouts. There was a coin related coloring area and educational exhibits. The bourse was active with YNs the entire show.

On the NCNA Website, click on "Fun Facts" and "Word Searches".
YN coordinators or any club member can download for their own entertainment. New facts and searches are added regularly.
Remember, have fun with the hobby and you will build memories for life!

Young Collector's Corner

A Young Collector's Reflections

By Nate Callard

I am now 13 years old, but started collecting coins when I was six. I got started collecting coins when I was at a Coin Star change counting machine in Harris Teeter, where I found a 6 Pence English coin in the coin slot. I took it to the local coin shop to see what it was and that's what got me started. I still collect coins and I really like all coins I can get my hands on.

Three years ago I was at my grandparent's house and they found a big bag of coins with some incredible coins in it. That was a huge help to my collection today. My grandpa used to collect coins. When I go to their house, he sometimes gives me a coin to take home with me. That is where I have gotten some great coins.

I also want to give a huge shout out to the Charlotte Coin Club for helping me get started and being there for me. I want to also thank the Independence Coin Shop for giving me some great deals and always being so nice to me.

Hidden Messages on Coins and Currency

By Danny Schiff

There are many hidden messages put on coins and currency throughout history. Some modern coins have an anti-counterfeit binary code, which is a simple code consisting of ones and zeros, whereas older coins had seals on them that had a certain meaning. For example, the one dollar bill has laurel leaves below the portrait that symbolize victory, and that America, although young, was headed towards great success. Also, in the upper right corner, there is a very small creature that most think is an owl that either symbolizes the Masons or is an anti-counterfeit sign. Some people believe that it is a spider rather than an owl.

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2008 British coins (one through fifty pence), if aligned correctly, show the British Shield. Hidden on the 20 Pound bill, there is the Star of David. Other secrets include a see-through design, that if you point a laser through it, it shows a floral pattern.

U.S. money also has secret symbols and messages. There are the original thirteen colonies hidden on the back of the five dollar bill in the top of the Lincoln Memorial. The number "10" on the bottom left of a ten dollar bill is made up of many other very small tens called microprint.

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The back of U.S. 20 dollar bill has small yellow twenties on it that are in the shape of constellations. The 5 through 100 dollar bills have a thread embedded in it that glow in UV light.

Some countries have hidden messages that you can only see with UV light as well. Australia's 20 dollar note has a bird on it that can only be detected using UV light. And in an interesting fashion, some polyvinyl bills can be put on a record player. Although it doesn't play the exact recording, it just makes a unique scratching noise.

Almost all countries have some type of hidden message on money, but what are they used for? There are many uses of hidden messages. Most are anti-counterfeit but some may have more sinister meanings. On the 1954 Canadian bill, some people believe they see the devil's face. Although they claim there isn't anything wrong, the Canadian mint changed the design as soon as possible so that no one would be suspicious.

In summary, some examples such as the laurel leaves or the British Shield show national pride and its powerful legacy. All in all, hidden messages have changed a lot, but the mystery of why they are there still lives on.

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2019 NCNA Convention Recap

By Greg Cheek

The Bourse

The 2019 NCNA Convention was again held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center on NC Highway 49 in Concord, NC; it was the third year that the Convention was held at the site.

The bourse was a sellout and included approximately 80 dealers occupying 140 tables. Dealers again came from throughout the southeast (and beyond!) to set up at the show; in all, 9 states were represented.

Attendance

Based on completed registration cards and raffle tickets, the public attendance for the Convention was estimated at nearly 850 attendees. This was certainly an increase from 2018 attendance numbers. Much work went into promoting the convention beyond traditional advertising. Extra efforts were made to hand out over 2500 flyers at local shows and club meetings through the year. There was also additional utilization of Facebook posting and advertising. Of course nice weather always helps as well! In summary, attendance was up and we plan to double down on the things that seem to help get the word out for the show.

"Young Collector's Zone"

Our YN Coordinator, Bob Pedolsky and his wife Barbara, facilitated a great variety of activities for the young numismatists and their parents. Scores of young collectors participated in the popular scavenger hunt, as well as engaging in a variety of educational talks, panels, games and coin search stations. Bob also coordinated a Boy Scout Merit Badge Seminar. The seminar was well attended by local scouts and leaders, with the leaders all looking forward to it again next year at the convention.

Dealers at the Convention also generously donated a large variety of coins and coin supplies to ensure that everyone who participated went home with new additions to their collection. Many thanks to the dealers who donated to the YN cause.

Program Coordinator Bob Pedolsky received many great comments and expressions of appreciation from parents and other adult visitors for creating the fun and educational area.

Convention Exhibits

This year's Educational Exhibits, facilitated by David Boitnott and Dave Provost, covered an interesting variety of numismatic themes, ranging from exploration of the new world (Spanish Treasure Coins) to the exploration of the moon (Apollo 11) and a whole lot between. A total of 10 exhibits filling 29 cases were presented.

The exhibits were:

- *Apollo 11 – Fifty Years Later*
- *The $100 Trillion Bill*
- *Christian Gobrecht's Flying Eagles*
- *Have Fun Collecting*
- *Johnson Matthey American Freedom Silver Rounds*
- *New Zealand's Birds*
- *The Nineteen Commercial Obsolete Banks of South Carolina*
- *The Scrip Rider*
- *Shipwreck Coins: Numismatic Treasures from the Deep*
- *The Wizard of Oz: The Numismatic Connection*

This year's People's Choice Award (the most popular exhibit among show attendees) was Tim Giambra's *Shipwreck Coins: Numismatic Treasures from the Deep* which looked at five shipwrecks and the coins and stories behind them. Exhibited were treasures from the *El Cazador* (the shipwreck that changed the world) the *Roowijk*, the *Admiral Gardner*, the *San Jose* and the *SS Republic*. The runner-up for the second year in a row was *The Nineteen Commercial Obsolete Banks of South Carolina*, presented by Joseph Ridder. The exhibit presented examples of banknotes from each of the 19 commercial, state-chartered banks of South Carolina issued between 1800 and 1862.

Unfortunately, there were no exhibits submitted by Junior Members of the NCNA. Interim Exhibit Chair David Boitnott set getting the NCNA's young collectors involved in exhibiting as a primary goal for the 2020 convention.

Educational Seminars

We had three outstanding educational seminars on Saturday afternoon.

For the 1:00pm seminar, Paul Horner, presented a very informative program entitled **"The Three Flying Eagles"**. He shared points of interest regarding the Gobrecht Dollar and its related U.S. Mint pattern

designs. All in attendance were treated to a fascinating PowerPoint presentation of the legendary engraving work done by Christian Gobrecht in the 1830's. Paul's exhibit on the bourse floor also included actual examples of the Gobrecht Dollar, as well as U.S. mint patterns struck with the same flying eagle design.

At 2:00pm, Tom Wood provided a freshly prepared program entitled **"Exploring Biblical Coins"**. Tom is well known for his extensive knowledge of and passion for "Biblical Coins" and is always eager to share with all ages. His presentation on Saturday held the audience captive, as he presented many examples of rare and unusual coins from that era, and passed them around the room to the delight of both young and old collectors.

At 3:00pm David Boitnott and Danny Freeman were scheduled to present a "tag team" program entitled **"The Gold Coin Mints of North Carolina"**. Danny was unfortunately, unable to be there due to unforeseen circumstance on the home front. However, David delivered a fine "solo" presentation of the U.S. Mint at Charlotte, including wonderful examples of gold coins struck there.

Annual NCNA Awards

During the Association's annual General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, several individuals from across the state were recognized with awards for their outstanding contributions to the hobby in North Carolina.

NCNA president Greg Cheek presided over the award ceremonies, with assistance from NCNA Secretary Dave Provost.

Jeff McCauslin was named the winner of the prestigious ***John Jay Pittman Award,*** the NCNA's "Numismatist of the Year" award. The award is given in recognition of outstanding and enduring contributions to numismatics in North Carolina. Jeff was recognized for his recent efforts as the NCNA Young Numismatist Coordinator as well as for his long-term dedication to the Raleigh Coin Club as the YN coordinator there for many years.

The ***Forrest & Tessie Michael Volunteer Service Award*** was awarded to David Boitnott. The award is given in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to benefit numismatics in North Carolina. David was recognized for his ongoing support of the hobby through his faithful support of the Raleigh Coin Club and the NCNA. David has always

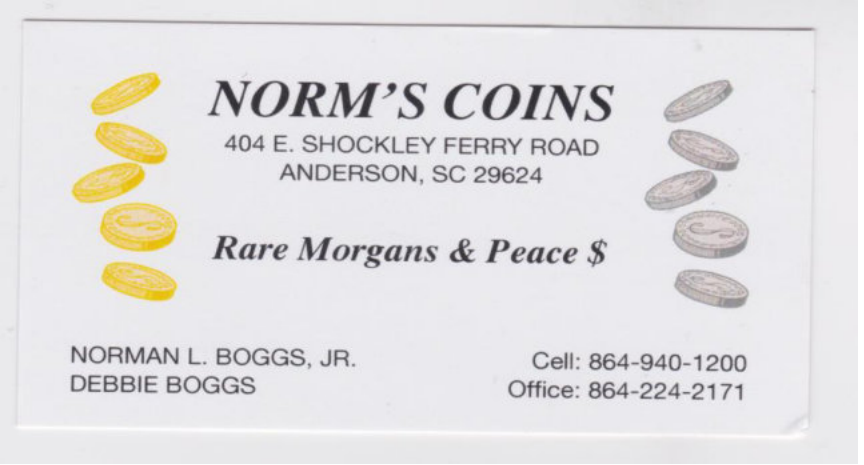
been eager to share from his extensive numismatic knowledge and research, providing countless educational programs at club meetings and coin shows. He is very resourceful and known as someone that "steps up to the plate" when needed.

The ***Bason Literary Award*** was awarded to Robert Izadore. The Award is given each year in recognition of significant contributions to numismatic education through published works. He has been recognized by his peers as a long time contributor of well-written articles for various numismatic publications for many years. Well done Robert!

The ***President's Award*** had two recipients in 2019, Halbert Carmichael and Dot Hendricks. For many years, Halbert and Dot have been engaged in various numismatic organizations, including the ANA, NCNA, and Raleigh Coin Club. For many years both Dot and Ted Hendrick served in leadership roles in various organizations, while also running multiple coin shows each year. After Ted's passing several years ago, Dot continued to run those same shows and became more involved in the NCNA, serving on its board of directors over the last couple of decades. Halbert also has many years of tireless service in the hobby, especially as the NCNA Secretary and Treasurer. Halbert is a true numismatist, pursuing several collecting interest for many years. Both Dot and Halbert truly are numismatic "warriors" and deserve this special recognition.

The ***Ted Hendrick Memorial Dealer Award***, jointly sponsored by the Raleigh Coin Club and the NCNA, was presented to Perry Siegel. Perry was recognized for his many years of demonstrated integrity as a dealer. Perry has been a long-time supporter of the NCNA, serving tirelessly in various roles, especially as Bourse Chair for the 2018 and 2019 Conventions. The success of both shows is evidence of his high energy and love for the hobby. Perry is always supportive of other dealers, and works hard to provide high quality service and material to his customers.

Danny Schiff was the recipient of the ***Young Numismatist of the Year Award*** in 2019. Danny has been a member of the Raleigh Coin Club for several years. He is very engaged in coin club activities, interacting well with both adults and other young collectors. Danny currently serves as Co-Librarian for the Raleigh Coin Club. He is also a member of a local Boy Scout troop, and has earned the Coin Collecting Merit Badge. Danny's passion for the hobby is contagious to anyone around him, and is a true numismatist as he enjoys learning and sharing with others in the hobby. Danny has also written an article in this edition of the Journal. He's a fine young man and represents his club well. Way to go Danny!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JUN

5 -7 **Fr: 10a - 6p** **Sa: 10a - 6:30p** **Su: 10a - 3p**	**Raleigh, NC** *Raleigh Money Expo - Raleigh Coin Club* NC State Fairgrounds - Exposition Center 1025 Blue Ridge Road Raleigh, North Carolina 27607 Contact: Dave Provost – 919.987.5935
13 **Sa: 10a-5p**	**High Point, NC** *Annual Triad Coin Club Show* Spring Hill United Methodist Church 240 Spring Hill Church Road Contact: Robert Ward – 336.869.0151
18 - 20 **Th: 1p-6p** **Fr: 10a-6p** **Sa: 10a-4p**	**Concord, NC** *Carolina Coin, Stamp & Postcard Show* Cabarrus Arena and Events Center 4751 Highway 49 North Contact: Bill Brewer – 704.775.4672

JUL

20 – 21 **Sa: 10a-6p** **Su: 10a-4p**	**Rocky Mount, NC** *Rare Coins of Raleigh Coin & Currency Show* Elks Lodge 2750 N. Church Street Contact: Shanna Mills – 919.790.8544

AUG

8 – 9 **Sa: 10a-5p** **Su: 10a-4p**	**Statesville, NC** *Iredell-Statesville Annual Coin Show* Statesville Civic Center 300 South Center Street Contact: Bill Brewer – 704.450.1639

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Attention show promoters! Make sure your show gets listed in the NCNA Journal. Send in your show information to: *ghcheek@earthlink.net* at least four months ahead of time.

17 – 18 **Sa: 9:30a-5:30p** **Su: 9:30a-3:30p**	**Salem, VA** *Salem/Roanoke Valley Coin Show* American Legion 710 Apperson Drive Contact: Will Camp – 540.943.2267
15 – 16 **Sa: 10a-6p** **Su: 10a-4p**	**Raleigh, NC** *Rare Coins of Raleigh Coin & Currency Show* NC State Fairgrounds, Martin Building 1025 Blue Ridge Road Contact: Shanna Mills – 919.790.8544

SEP

19 – 20 **Sa: 10a-6p** **Su: 10a-4p**	**Jacksonville, NC** *Rare Coins of Raleigh Coin & Currency Show* Hilton Garden Inn 1016 Jacksonville Parkway Contact: Shanna Mills – 919.790.8544
25 – 27 **Fr: 10a-6p** **Sa: 10a-6p** **Su: 10a-4p**	**Fredericksburg, VA** VNA Convention & Coin Show Fredericksburg Expo Center 2371 Carl D Silver Parkway Contact: Richard Schornak – 757.659.0235

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2 – 4 **Fr: 10a-6p** **Sa: 10a-6p** **Su: 10a-4p**	**Concord, NC** *NCNA Convention and Coin Show* Cabarrus Arena and Events Center 4751 Highway 49 North Contact: Perry Siegel – 704.488.4787
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1 **Fr: 10a-6p** **Sa: 10a-6p** **Su: 10a-3p**	**Greenville, SC** TD Convention Center 1 Exposition Drive Contact: Bill Latour – 843.532.5089

THE ANCIENT GUY

By Perry Siegel

Alexander the Great

Alexander III, known as Alexander the Great, was born July 21, 356 B.C. to King Philip II of Macedon and Queen Olympias. He became king upon his father's death in 336 B.C., and went on to conquer most of the known world of his day. Alexander is regarded as 'the great' both for his military genius and his diplomatic skills in handling the various populaces of the regions he conquered. He is further recognized for spreading Greek culture, language, and thought from Greece throughout Asia Minor, Egypt, and Mesopotamia to India and thus initiating the era of the "Hellenistic World".

One of the most recognizable ancient coins. Silver tetradrachm struck under Alexander the Great, with obverse depicting Herakles wearing a lion skin headdress and reverse Zeus enthroned holding an eagle and scepter.

When Alexander was young, he was taught to fight and ride by Leonidas of Epirus, a relative of his mother Olympias, as well as to endure hardships such as forced marches. His father, Philip, was interested in cultivating a refined future king, so he hired Lysimachus of Acarnania to teach the boy reading, writing, and to play the lyre. This tutelage would

instill in Alexander a life-long love of reading and music. At the age of 14 Alexander was introduced to the Greek philosopher Aristotle who Philip hired as a private tutor. He would study with Aristotle for the next three years, which sparked Alexander's interest in literature, science, medicine, and philosophy.

Aristotle's influence directly bore upon Alexander's later dealings with the people he conquered, in that Alexander never forced the culture of Greece upon the inhabitants of the various regions, but merely introduced it in the same way Aristotle used to teach his students. The influence of Leonidas may be seen in Alexander's lifelong resilience and physical stamina as well as in his skill with horses. At age 11 or 12, Alexander showed impressive courage when he tamed the `untamable ' wild horse Bucephalas, an enormous stallion with a furious demeanor. Bucephalas was a magnificent black stallion with a white blaze on his forehead, and was the pride and joy of Alexander. Originally, Phillip II was going to purchase the horse for himself, but finding it too unmanageable, he made a wager with his son that if he could tame and ride the horse he could keep it. Alexander, noticing that Bucephalas was afraid of his own shadow, turned the steed into the sun. As his shadow now fell behind him, Bucephalas was quickly calmed and Alexander was able to ride him! From that day, Bucephalas carried Alexander into most of his victorious battles. When this splendid horse finally died in 326 B.C., Alexander had a state funeral for him and built a city in India where he died, naming it Bucephala.

Roman bronze coin struck during the time of Gordian III over 500 years after Alexander's death displaying Alexander wearing a lion skin headdress on the obverse, and taming Bucephalus on the reverse.

Homer was Alexander's bible and he took Aristotle's edition with him to Asia. During his campaigns Alexander was always intent on finding out everything he could about the areas through which he passed. He took with him an entourage of scientists to record and analyze this information, from botany, biology, zoology and meteorology, to topography. His desire to learn, and to have information recorded as scientifically as possible, probably stemmed from Aristotle's teachings and enthusiasm.

Alexander is best known of course for conquering most of the known world with an empire that stretched for 10,000 miles and encompassed the Mediterranean, most of Europe and touched the borders of India. He was a military genius who used guile, ingenuity and lateral thinking to defeat often vastly superior forces. His conquests included Anatolia, Syria, Phoenicia, Judaea, Gaza, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia and Bactria, and he extended the boundaries of his own empire as far as Taxila, India.

Gold Distater of Alexander III containing 17 grams of gold. The head of Athena right, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet decorated with a serpent adorns the obverse, and Nike holding a wreath and cradling a stylis is on the reverse. These distaters were believed to have been paid to Alexander's most trusted soldiers.

Alexander the Great's military tactics and strategies are still studied in military academies today. From his first victory at age 18, Alexander gained a reputation of leading his men to battle with impressive speed, allowing smaller forces to reach and break the enemy lines before his foes were ready. The most distinctive element of the Macedonian war machine was the phalanx. Developed by Alexander's father, the phalanx was a tight formation of soldiers - usually 16 by 16 - carrying shields and sarisses, which were 20-foot-long spears made of cornel-wood. The back

rows of the phalanx held their sarisses upright, hiding the movement of forces behind the lines, while the front rows kept the enemy at bay with an impenetrable wall of sharp pikes. On flat terrain, the phalanx proved unbeatable.

After surviving battle after fierce battle, Alexander the Great died in June 323 B.C. at age 32. Some historians say Alexander died of malaria or other natural causes; others believe he was poisoned. Either way, he never named a successor. His death, and the bloody infighting for control that happened afterwards, unraveled the empire he'd fought so hard to create. Nonetheless, many conquered lands retained the Greek influence Alexander introduced—some cities he founded remain important cultural centers even today, such as Alexandria, Egypt—and Alexander the Great is revered as one of the most powerful and influential leaders the ancient world ever produced!

Silver tetradrachm in the name of Alexander III, struck under Ptolemy I after Alexander's death. Obverse shows the deified Alexander wearing an elephant skin headdress and Athena advancing, brandishing a spear.

In conclusion, this article is dedicated to Henry Hall Wilson, a good friend who left us way too early, but gifted to me a wonderful book about Alexander the Great before he departed.

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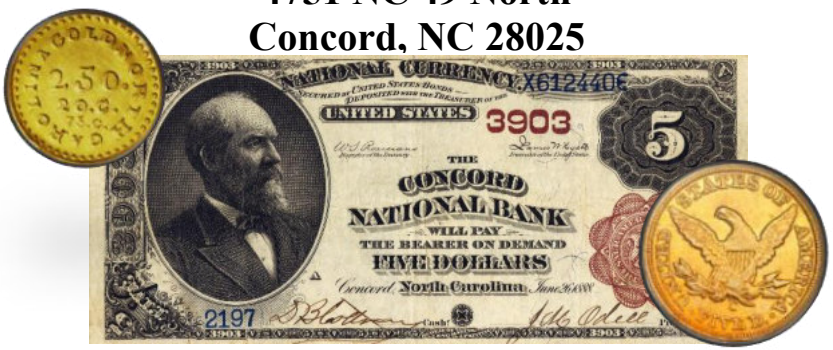

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST ...

By: Daniel M. Freeman, NCNA LM #113

I have always enjoyed reading. I really miss all the daily newspapers I used to peruse. So, I have been lowered down to the level of reading online blogs. Where do the news organizations find these people? They can't be graduates of any decent journalism school, but they always have a nice "perky-smiley" face in their blog photo.

Several months ago, during my morning online search I noticed the headline, "Surge In $100 Bills in Circulation May be Linked to Global Corruption". I immediately looked for the blog photo, but didn't find one. Maybe "Kate" was having a bad hair day. Anyway, Kate says economists are scratching their heads trying to figure out why there are over 12 billion $100 bills outstanding across the world. It's the preferred method of payment for criminals! They are using them for international crime! It's a way to keep them outside the financial system!

A 2018 research done for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago estimated that over 80% of all U.S. $100 bills in circulation are overseas. Corruption! Crime! Collusion! You know, I'm one of those non-college educated, over 50 year old nitwits you hear some politicians and media folks "denigrate" from time to time. I did take the time to get my Webster's off the shelf to make sure I spelled denigrate correctly. Now I always look at the simplest possible answer first. So I'm thinking, "Hey, China is overseas, and Walmart is buying everything from China". That's one possible reason. We have been fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan forever, and the CIA takes planeloads of $100 bills over there and spreads them around like candy. And, hey, I read in a blog somewhere where Obama sent a couple of billion over there on pallets to Iran when we signed some kind of treaty with them. What about oil? We have been buying a lot of it for most of my life from overseas.

And another side to a lot of this nonsense, a few years ago there was an op-ed in The Washington Post titled, "It's Time To Kill The $100 Bill.", Lawrence Summers, a former Treasury guru argued for abolishing $100 bills. "It would make the world a better place," he said. Eliminate crime! Abolish tax evasion! Stop terrorism! The average law abiding citizen has no need for high denomination bills! The list just goes on and on. It's really all about control. They just can't track a $100 bill as easy as your pin number and debit card. They know what's best for you and are trying to look out for your best interests! We "NCE" nits over fifty know why there is such a large surge in $100 bills in circulation.

$100 just isn't worth anything anymore! Back in the 1960's me and my pals would go to the Saturday matinee to watch one of those Japanese Godzilla movies. You could have a large time, and I mean LARGE with a $1. You might get by with $20 today. Those economists and other know-it-alls should try some Head & Shoulders shampoo for their itchiness.

And if you are still wondering why so many of those $100 bills are overseas, since 1945 the U.S. Dollar has been used as the world's currency, period! And for a long time people in foreign lands have had more trust in our dollar than their own country's money. Now this won't last forever. Just google "Reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire." I know this article is kind of rambling around a little bit, but hey, I just got through listening to the Allman Brothers.

Hey, maybe I could start an online blog … well, maybe not. I don't have any "perky-smiley" photos. I always look like a bad hair day.

Until next time…
Danny

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Collector's Showcase

By David Boitnott, NCNA LM #142

My father introduced me to the wonderful world of coin collecting when I was a young lad in the mid-1960s and I have many fond memories of talking coins, going to coin shows and learning about the hobby with my dad. High among those memories were discussions we had about his favorite coin – the Stone Mountain Commemorative Half-Dollar.

Well, needless to say I took to the hobby and just couldn't get enough nor stay focused. While I would go on to collect the classic commutative half-dollar series by type I really focused on the Stone Mountain. It was not long before I would discover the supporting Children's Founders Roll Medal and the Living Veterans Roll Medal buying a couple of each – one for my collection and one for dad's. He was thrilled and the student had now became the teacher! I then added the counter-stamped Stone Mountain Commemorative Half-Dollar and Children's Founders Roll Medal illustrated here to the collection and enjoyed sharing both with dad.

Oh, such very fond memories and emotions rush back to me as I look at these coins. You see, I lost my father in 2004 and as I started to write this I was a little bummed out as this week we would have celebrated his 92nd birthday. A short pause, let me wipe the tear from my eye, but not the smile from my face as I think of Don my father, mentor and friend. We are still connected by the Stone Mountain

Commemorative Half-Dollar as just before they sealed his coffin I slipped his Stone Mountain into his pocket. I hope it still brings him as much joy in heaven as mine does me here on Earth.

Remember, share the hobby with a family member or friend. Be a mentor, be a student or be both. The relationships you form could easily last a lifetime and beyond.

Do you have an interesting or unusual item that you'd like to "show-and-tell" with your fellow collectors? If you do, send an image and brief description to Greg Cheek at PO Box 185, Yadkinville, NC 27055 or via email (preferred) to ghcheek@earthlink.net. Your piece might be featured in a future edition of "Collector's Showcase."

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Why Join the NCNA?

- **Fellowship:** Become part of a numismatic community that stretches from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks!
- ***NCNA Journal*:** Receive an award-winning quarterly magazine with informative articles, NCNA organizational updates and the latest news from member clubs.
- **Discounts on Books & Supplies**: Receive a 10% discount on numismatic books and supplies from participating dealers.
- **Annual Convention:** The NCNA hosts one of the larger coin and currency shows in North Carolina each year, featuring local and regional dealers.
    - NCNA members can enter the Convention bourse 30 minutes before the general public. (Valid NCNA membership card must be shown.)
- **Local Clubs:** The NCNA can assist with the organization of a new club or the ongoing support of an existing club. Contact us if you need assistance!
- **Club Liaison Program:** A program that brings together club representatives from across the state to exchange ideas and collaborate on improving the club experience for all members.
- **Annual Awards:** Each year the NCNA presents awards to those who have contributed to the advancement of the hobby through their support of the organization and/or the sharing of their expertise with other collectors.

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Statesville Coin Club

The Statesville Coin Club was started in 1995 and is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2020! The club is currently planning the special issue of one ounce silver and copper anniversary medallion coins to celebrate this milestone. The medallions are available at $6 for each copper medallion and $25 for each silver medallion.

The Statesville Coin Club has given out dated unique wooden nickels at its coin show each year, with 25 different ones being issued so far. The club will have issued 4 different silver medallions over the 25 years of its existence as well.

Look for a special article in the next NCNA Journal for additional information and details regarding the history of the club and its celebration of this noteworthy achievement.

The club is planning a special celebration at their June 11 meeting, provided it is not postponed due to the COVID-19 situation.

Attention NCNA Member Coin Clubs!

The *NCNA Journal* needs your club news and activity updates! This section depends on input from member clubs – if we don't receive updates, we can't publish them!

Club leaders: Why not designate someone in your club to send regular updates on your club's activities to the *Journal?*
For now updates can be sent to Greg Cheek at ghcheek@earthlink.net or Greg Cheek – NCNA, PO Box 185, Yadkinville, NC 27055.

Thanks in advance for your help with keeping all NCNA members updated and aware of what is going on in our member clubs.

NCNA Classifieds

Current NCNA members may place a free, text-only buy/sell/trade ad in the *NCNA Journal*. Ads are limited to 50 words (more as space allows). Ads from non-members will be considered as space allows; cost for non-members is 25¢ per word (minimum of 20 words). The NCNA reserves the right to edit ads to fit the available space, and to refuse ads at its discretion.

WANTED: North Carolina trolley and bus tokens to complete my state-wide collection. I need two plastic tokens from Goldsboro that have "Silverline Transportation" on one side with dollar values on the other. Also, two aluminum tokens from Thomasville that have "Thomasville Transit Co." on one side and "Good for one fare" on the other. Other less common tokens being sought are: Asheville (Biltmore Forest Stage Co.), Elizabeth City (Lucas VA-CAR Bus Lines), Greenville (City Bus Lines) and High Point (Duke Power Co High Point). If you have any of these to sell, or know someone who does, please contact me at jeff.mccauslin@gmail.com.

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2020 NCNA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

All NCNA BOD meetings are open to the NCNA membership. BOD meetings are scheduled for Saturday immediately following the close of the bourse and times will vary.

Please note that at the NCNA Convention, a General Membership Meeting is held instead of a BOD meeting.

Meeting Location	**Date**
Raleigh Money Expo - Raleigh Coin Show NC State Fairground Exposition Center	June 6, 2020
Iredell-Statesville Coin Club Show – Statesville show facility	August 8, 2020
NCNA Convention – Cabarrus Arena show facility	October 3, 2020
Carolina Coin & Stamp Show – Raleigh show facility	November 21, 2020

2020 NCNA Local Club Outreach & Coordination

NCNA BOD Directors Bill Graves and Danny Freeman have reached out to local clubs and are wrapping up contact and other information that can be posted on the NCNA website. They are continuing to reach out to local coin clubs and facilitate forums for sharing ideas and forming partnerships in 2020 and beyond. Please feel free to contact Bill or Danny, as they are very interested in your ideas and suggestions.

2020 NCNA Website (http://www.NCNA.CLUB)

The NCNA website is an important tool for sharing information with the membership. Alan Stullenbarger currently serves as our webmaster, with Perry Siegel providing administration for the website. Local club representatives should send all local club contact updates and news to Perry Siegel. Please send all coin and stamp show updates to Bill Graves.

2020 NCNA Facebook Page & Other Social Media (www.facebook.com/NCCollector)

The NCNA Facebook page is another important tool for sharing information with the membership and beyond. Paul Landsberg is taking the lead on Facebook administrative activities for our page, exploring fresh ideas in utilizing other social media to promote our hobby. Please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions with Paul in the social media arena. This is still a fairly under explored area and much more can be done to use it to promote the hobby.

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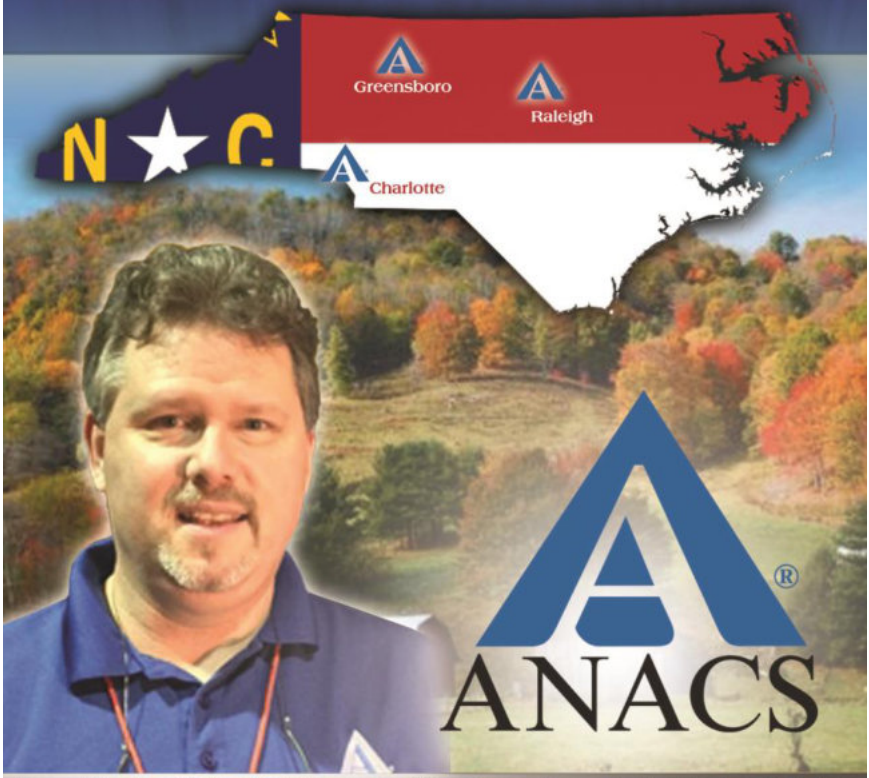

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